



**Gullane Area Community Council**

**Thursday 29 February 2024 Dirleton Church Hall**

**1. Welcome and apologies.**

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Gordon McLelland (GM), Frank Neate (FN) Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Alan Fraser (AF), Rebecca Hughes (RH), Vice Chair, Martin White (MH), Karen McDougall (KM), Cllr McFarlane (CM) Cllr Liz Allan (LA) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Haydn Edwards (HE) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF)

MD welcomed everyone and added thanks to the councillors for attending.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 25 January 2024 - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

The minutes were approved, proposed by FN seconded by SPB

**3. Declaration of interest**

No declarations were made.

**4. Matters arising and actions from last meeting.**

**4.1 Applications for Community Council**

Alasdair Muir (AM) had applied and it was universally agreed that he joined the Community Council. **MD will check what area he will represent, will check the Green Book regarding representation.** AM said he was delighted to join. **GM asked for him to send a biopic and a photograph for the website.**

There are spaces, can bring someone in as a non-voting member.

**4.2 Quiet Route - Gilsland to Kingston update – GM**

MD and SPB to have further discussions. Issue is on the On the Move Group agenda on 6 March. **MD/SPB/Bret Walker/Doug Haig to meet before that meeting.**



## 5. Action Log

RB has colour-coded the log to make it clearer

- Green-complete
- Blue In Progress
- Red Urgent
- Purple Action for Councillors

MD ran through the log for updates

03/23 Request Cala minutes from meeting with Scottish Water and Sepa AF said CALA had stated the minutes cannot be shared-can a FOI request be made to ELC? AF/KM/MD to meet-see if issue can be escalated within CALA.

04/23 Funding request to be submitted for second Aberlady noticeboard at Community Centre

07/23 Renaissance assistance with mobile phone mast. MD reported not on Renaissance priority list-remove from list.

12/23 Overnight parking hours-SPB has requested information 3 times about fines issued, will chase again

13/23 Cemetery exits-owned by ELC, LA reported on their list of work to be done. LA additional chase up.

15/23 Safe route to Gullane. GM reported. Nick Morgan (ELC) is going to raise the matter again with Muirfield Residents. Homes for Life are going to refer to their Deeds regarding the extent of their site.

18/23 Still no minutes from November 2022 meeting, nor from SW and SEPA meeting. AF asked what the latest guidelines say. RH -if additional building work applied for developer must fund upgrades to wastewater systems. MD-need to push back to ELC. Query raised about how money from developments is allocated. For example, why is the money raised from Gullane development being partially spent on upgrades to Tranent town centre. AF commented that this has already been spent. MD said more transparency need from the Council re Section 75 funding. FOI request? FN suggested a public meeting about the wastewater issue. AF wastewater issue for ELC -implications in Local Place Plans (LPP)

TTRO between the two Broadgait in Gullane, no advance notice. GM has emailed Ian Lennox, on holiday so called emergency roads department. Waterworks on the pavement for about 4 feet yet both sides of the road coned off.

CMcF will raise, she posts any roadworks on her FB page but not everyone has FB. MD said another example of poor communication. FN commented that signs from recent roadworks in Aberlady still up, MD will raise.

New-RB to build up bank of ELC contact details for various issues.



**6. North Berwick Planning Proposals**

GM reported that original proposals have been binned. Council has voted to resurrect and to carry out another survey. There is a call in NB to completely cancel any new proposals-Council needs to communicate.

**7. Cala Feedback**

AF reported no further update other than above.

**8. Local Priorities Fund**

KM reported.

Seagull bin application submitted.

Applications from Table Tennis club and hockey club. SW queried application for cooker in Aberlady Village Hall, not yet received.

AM volunteered to join this sub-committee with HE and SPB

**9. Treasurer's Report**

Report has been circulated. KM reported that ELC will be refunding hall rentals for meetings. Still looking for an accountant.

**10. Police Report**

Report has been circulated.

**11. CAAP**

ZT reported on recent meeting. Relatively quiet. Police focussing on underage purchases of alcohol in Gullane. Police had agreed to give more advance notice of visits to villages. They post advance notice on their FB and East Lothian Courier.

**12. Village Reports**

**Gullane**

GM-main issue lack of bus stop markings outside Bonnie Badger. GM has raised with roads department-still no response. Concerns about amount of roadworks on Main Street. SPB suggested sending action log to ELC to highlight lack of communication and delays.

GM-still issue with A198 that he has raised many times. I A decision was to have beentaken in naury by the ELC regarding the re surfacing of the road..No action yet.



Potholes have been reported through "Report It" but no action. LA agreed that roads in East Lothian are in very bad state. Budget for roads has been slashed. LA will raise with Tom Reid. RH said this is a national issue and will get worse with increase of heavier electric cars. LA will ask how work on roads is prioritised. AF asked if we can find out what the income from roads - parking fines etc, is spent on. MD suggested raising all FOIs in one meeting and report back to next meeting.

### **Aberlady-**

FN septic tank at Aberlady Mains overflowing-FN Has contacted ELC Luffness Farm owns.

FN/MD to liaise

SW reported that Aberlady Community Hall refurbishment progressing.

### **Dirleton-**

SPB No updates to report

### **Drem /West Fenton**

Fly tipping becoming big issue. AM asked for contact details of appropriate person in ELC to report.

Station building unused-could it be used for something?

## **13. Website and Communications**

GM reported that all up to date

## **14. Planning**

### **General**

MW reported that planning applications very quiet. Still issue with short term lets-affects housing stock and parking.

### **LDP and LPP**

### **Gullane**

Meeting held and feedback collated. Survey to be held to gather more information. Issue re affordable housing in Gullane-conflict with wastewater issue.

### **Aberlady**

Two meetings held since last GACC meeting. Leaflet drop through every letterbox including Ballencireiff. Notices also posted in Community Council and Village Shop. Paper copies also available for those that wish to complete paper questionnaire. Deadline 1 April. Looking to employ facilitator for next meeting. Main issues emerging-traffic and housing. SW has submitted application to area partnership-want more engagement with community. RH-want as much as possible complete by mid-April-185 questionnaires completed so far. Public



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meetings have been well-attended. A session has also been held in the village school to engage pupils and encourage pupils to engage parents in process. Timescale tight.

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Dirleton

ZT working with Derk Carter on plan. Meeting scheduled for 16/3/24. Pamphlets will be printed and put through all letterboxes. Posters will also be printed. All invited to the meeting. Further meeting will be held in April. Housing one of the main issues.

MW said it would be good to examine common issues. RH-can everyone be brought together for this? GM commented that public transport an important common topic. SPB to co-ordinate a meeting to discuss common themes. RH said that it is all about future land use. SW said that ACA is using online mapping tool.

**15. NBCAP**

Next meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> March

**16. On the Move Group**

Next meeting next week. 6<sup>th</sup> March

**17. AELCC**

RH reported that there is a lot going on. Concerns raised about Battery Energy Storage System, semi-industrialization of the countryside. Currently a lot of upgrades of windfarms. No update of wider allocation of funds referred to in previous meetings. Torness closure has been brought forward.

**18. Any other business**

RH-County has been offered a portrait of the King free of charge. Where should it go? Is there one of the Queen somewhere?

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 28 March at 7pm in Recreation Hall Gullane**